

HE MAY CHANGE HIS MIND

"I don't believe," says William J. Calhoun, new State prohibition administrator, "that New Jersey presents a more difficult problem than any other State."

The declaration is subject to two possible interpretations. It may mean that New Jersey's wetness has been exaggerated. It may mean that the other States are considerably wetter than we have been led to believe. But whatever his meaning, Mr. Calhoun is confident that he can get results without sensationalism or radical reorganization.

If the new dry head succeeds in doing that which his dozen or more predecessors in the Newark office have failed to accomplish, his record will indeed be worthy of note. As a matter of fact, this State is generally regarded as an extremely baffling spot for prohibition operations, a veritable Mecca for foes of the Volstead regime.

Mr. Calhoun promises to wage a persistent, thorough and deliberate war on big violators. Perhaps the results of his labors along this line will induce him to change his mind on the difficulty of New Jersey enforcement. Certainly the State's beer baronage, whiskey peerage and gin nobility have always prided themselves on being second to none.

DANGER IN PROMOTION

William J. Calhoun, the new Prohibition Administrator for New Jersey, will have reason to begin his job of "stopping the beer racket" in this State with trepidation and doubt. He is the sixteenth administrator since the Volstead law went into operation and none of them lasted more than two years.

It begins to look as if, when a prohibition agent is "promoted" by being transferred to New Jersey, he is being prepared for decapitation. It's a big job, and the average official life of the administrators has been less than a year.

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